



## Lepomis microlophus

### Redear sunfish

#### General

1. Freshwater, molluscivorous fish growing to 25cm

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Atlantic coast of North America: Atlantic and Gulf Slope drainages from about the Savannah River, South Carolina, to the Nueces River, Texas; north in the Mississippi River basin to southern Indiana and Illinois
2. Habitat:
  - Littoral zones of small to large lakes, marshes, and reservoirs
  - Streams or rivers with sluggish to slow moving flow



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<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=390>

#### Invasion Pathways

1. Intentional stocking for sportfishing

#### Sources

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